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SUBJ: DENMARK ANNOUNCES DECISION ON F-16 OPTION

1. YESTERDAY, DANISH DEFENSE SOURCES CONFIRMED WHAT HAD BEEN REPORTED IN SATURDAY'S (MAY 27) PRESS: THAT ON MAY 26 THE GOVERNMENT OF DENMARK DECIDED TO EXERCISE THE OPTION TO PURCHASE THE ADDITIONAL TEN F-16 AIRCRAFT (FOR A TOTAL OF 58) CONTAINED IN LETTER OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE SIGNED MAY 7, 1977. A MESSAGE INDICATING DANISH INTENTION TO BUY THE ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT WAS SENT THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE F-16 STEERING COMMITTEE CHANNELS TO THE USAF FRIDAY, MAY 26.

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2. THE DECISION WAS APPARENTLY TAKEN WITH LITTLE DISCUSSION WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT AND DID NOT HAVE TO BE REFERRED TO ANY PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES. ALTHOUGH POTENTIALLY A HEATED SUBJECT FOR DEBATE, THE DECISION REFLECTS, IN OUR JUDGEMENT, A GENERAL SATISFACTION WITH THE CONDUCT OF THE F-16 PROGRAM IN DENMARK AND THE LAST MAJOR INSTITUTIONAL HURDLE FOR MOD SOGAARD IN

THIS PROGRAM.

3. ALTHOUGH THE F-16 WILL ALWAYS BE A SUBJECT OF
LEFTIST CRITICISM HERE, GENERAL GOVERNMENT DISSATIS-
FACTION COULD HAVE BEEN REFLECTED IN A DECISION NOT
TO EXERCISE THE OPTION. IT WAS NOT. ALTHOUGH OFTEN
THE MOST VOCAL CRITICS OF THE F-16 PROGRAM IN THE PAST,
THE DANES, WE BELIEVE, WILL NOW CONCENTRATE THEIR
EFFORTS ON PRODUCING, RATHER THAN DISCUSSING, THE
F-16.
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